

May 14, 2015	File Motions <i>in Limine</i> The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
May 14, 2015	Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
May 7, 2015	Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
April 23, 2015	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
March 23, 2015	*File Dispositive Motions or Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions) No dispositive motion or motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
March 12, 2015	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
March 5, 2015	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses. Rebuttal expert witness reports due. Refer to Local Rules for required information
February 12, 2015	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof. Expert witness reports due. Refer to Local Rules for required information.
February 5, 2015	Deadline to Complete Mediation The parties are responsible for ensuring that a mediation report is filed no later than 5 days after the conclusion of mediation. <i>See</i> L.R. App. H.
January 29, 2015	Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
January 26, 2015	*Deadline to File Letter Briefs Regarding Dispositive Motions
January 23, 2015	Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery
January 15, 2015	Deadline to File Motions to Compel Discovery

January 8, 2015	*Claim Construction Hearing – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
December 23, 2014	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
December 18, 2014	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
December 11, 2014	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)
December 4, 2014	Deadline to Exchange Privilege Logs
November 26, 2014	Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)
November 26, 2014	Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline
November 13, 2014	Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
November 6, 2014	File Response to Amended Pleadings
October 23, 2014	*File Amended Pleadings It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.
October 16, 2014	Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
September 25, 2014	Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
September 4, 2014	Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
May 29, 2014	Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)

April 28, 2014	*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraphs 1 & 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures)
April 25, 2014	*File Proposed Docket Control Order, Proposed Discovery Order, and Notice of Mediator The Proposed Docket Control Order and the Proposed Discovery Order shall be filed as separate motions with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.
April 14, 2014	Join Additional Parties
March 24, 2014	Comply with P.R. 3-1 & 3-2 (Infringement Contentions)

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Notice of Mediator: The parties are to jointly file a notice that identifies the agreed upon mediator or indicates that no agreement was reached. If the parties do not reach an agreement, the Court will appoint a mediator. The parties should not file a list of mediators to be considered by the Court.

Summary Judgment Motions: Prior to filing any summary judgment motion, the parties must submit letter briefs seeking permission to file the motion. The opening letter brief in each of those matters shall be no longer than five (5) pages and shall be filed with the Court no later than the deadline for filing letter briefs. Answering letter briefs in each of those matters shall be no longer than five (5) pages and filed with the Court no later than fourteen (14) days thereafter. Reply briefs in each of those matters shall be no longer than three (3) pages and filed with the Court no later than five (5) days thereafter. The Court may decide the question on the submissions or hold a hearing or telephone conference to hear arguments and to determine whether the filing of any motion will be permitted. Letter briefs shall be filed without exhibits. Any requests to submit letter briefs after the deadlines outlined above must show good cause.

Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;

- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 28th day of April, 2014.



RODNEY GILSTRAP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE